

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended abstract:

A sleeve and method for use with modular orthopaedic implants is provided. The sleeve includes a hollow sleeve body having an outer portion able to be received in a female junction element and an inner portion able to receive a male junction element of a modular orthopaedic implant. The sleeve includes means for temporarily maintaining the first and second components in an assembled condition.